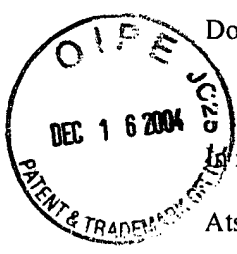


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Application No.: 10/808,566 : Group Art Unit: 2819
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FOR STEPWISE CONVERSION OF A SIGNAL THROUGH MULTIPLE STAGES OF
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The certified priority documents were filed on July 30, 2004 as evidenced by the attached copies of the transmittal letter, front page copies of the certified priority documents, and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

It is respectfully requested the receipt of the priority documents be acknowledged.

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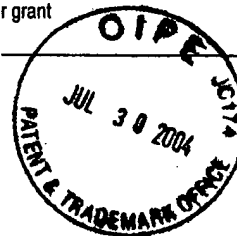
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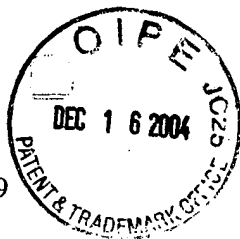
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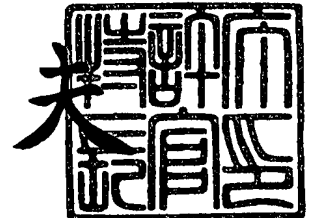
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